(iii) Addressing scheme for Internet Telephony shall conform to IP Addressing Scheme of Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA):—

(c) and (d) As opening up of Internet Telephony would have impact on all the categories of Telecom Service Providers, comments were invited from all the interested parties on the recommendations of TRAI by putting the recommendations on website of the Ministry before taking a final decision. Guidelines for offering Internet Telephony Services have already been issued on 21st March, 2002. Since Government had decided to open Internet Telephony only from 1st April, 2002, there has been no delay in allowing introduction of Internet Telephony.

Internet Telephony

2659. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:
SHRI RAJU PARMAR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to State:

(a) whether it is a fact that Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) held open sessions to elicit public opinion before formulating its recent recommendations to Government on introduction of Internet Telephony in India;

(b) if so, what were the suggestions received from the public/Institutions;

(c) whether Government are under pressure now to put the recommendations on their Website to elicit public opinion once again; and

(d) if so, whether the repeat of this process would cause further delay in implementation of TRAI's recommendations, and if so, what steps Government propose to take to avoid these delaying tactics?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The main suggestions received during the consultation process of Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) are as follows:

(i) Internet Telephony and Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) Technology should be permitted.

(ii) There is no need for separate category of licence for Internet Telephony Service Provider.

(iii) Facility Based Service provider should be permitted to deploy VOIP as technology option in their network.

(iv) Standards for Quality of Service (QoS) for Internet Telephony through public Internet are still evolving.

(c) and (d) As opening up of Internet Telephony would have impact on all the categories of Telecom Service Providers, comments were invited from all the interested parties on the recommendations of TRAI by putting the recommendations on website of the Ministry before taking a final decision. Guidelines for offering Internet Telephony Services have already been issued on 21st March, 2002. Since Government had decided to open Internet Telephony only from 1st April, 2002, there has been no delay in allowing introduction of Internet Telephony.

Misuse of cyber cafes

2660. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to State:

(a) the cases detected against misuse of cyber cafes as per the Information Technology Act, 2002 in cities of Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata and Chennai in the calendar year 2001 for publication in the electronic from the material of "lascivious or appeals to the prurient interest" nature;

(b) what action have been initiated and whether license of any Internet Service Provider has been withdrawn because of this; and

(c) whether any PIL is initiated on this issue and if so, the details thereof?